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SHUTTLE COMMISSION HIRES FORMER CIA SPOKESMAN WASHINGTON

The presidential commission investigating the space shuttle Challenger accident has hired a former Central Intelligence Agency public affairs officer to assist "in providing timely information" to the news media.

Herbert Hetu, who was with the CIA for more than four years, will be senior counsel to commission chairman William P. Rogers. Hetu also was a Navy public affairs officer for 25 years and most recently has been senior vice president of a public relations firm.